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FROM RICHARDSON TO SENATOR CLARK

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SUBJ: STAFFDEL RICHARDSON TO TRAVEL TO DJIBOUTI

1. HAVE DECIDED TO STAY AN EXTRA TWO DAYS IN HORN. FEEL THAT NOT VISITING DJIBOUTI WOULD MAKE FOR AN INCOMPLETE REPORT ON ENTIRE HORN SITUATION. ACCORDINGLY, I WILL GO TO DJIBOUTI FROM MOGADISCIO ON SUNDAY (ONLY AVAILABLE FLIGHT DURING THE WEEK) AND STAY THERE ONE DAY, RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON MONDAY. THE FRENCH HAVE OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO SECURE NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS.

2. SOMALI VISIT RESULTS ARE MIXED. WHILE I HAVE MET SEVERAL THIRD-COUNTRY AMBASSADORS, UN PEOPLE, AND HAD EXTENSIVE SESSIONS WITH THE EMBASSY STAFF, I HAVE ONLY MET ONE SOMALI OFFICIAL. THIS DESPITE A FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE TO THE EFFECT THAT A FULL PROGRAM WOULD BE SET FOR ME, NOT TO MENTION AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S ASSURANCES IN WASHINGTON THAT I WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A NUMBER OF SOMALI OFFICIALS DURING MY STAY HERE. AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL, NEVERTHELESS, AND VISIT MAY TURN OUT TO BE SUCCESSFUL AFTERALL. REGARDS RICHARDSON

3. H - PLEASE PASS COPIES OF THIS CABLE TO RICHARD MOOSE AND PAT HOLT, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. LOUGHRAN

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